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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/816,257	Applicant(s) HE, JU-LIANG	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabiet et al (Pat No. 5,230,788) hereinafter Rabiet et al or when taken further in view of Celnik (Pat No. 4,617,729) hereinafter Celnik .

Rabiet et al teach a high thermal conductivity circuit board comprising a thermally conductive substrate e.g. Aluminum which can be covered with either an Aluminum layer, a copper layer, Constantan, or chrome-nickel alloys (Cf. Cols 4 and 5). The substrate is given a first anodization i.e. oxidized using an electrolytic bath of a sulfuric acid- CrO(3) solution. A second anodization is given using boric acid and ammonia (Cf Col 6). According to the evidence recited in Col 1, Rabiet et al method can be used to interconnect electronic components via printed circuits. Celnik is concerned with the same or similar problem that Rabiet et al is concerned with. Moreover Rabiet et al refer to the French Pat 2560437 (which French Patent is equivalent to U.S. Patent 5,230,788 i.e. Celnik's Patent) Celnik explicitly teaches *inter alia* ... forming a plurality of contacts (e.g.5) on the metal oxide layer It would have been obvious given only the evidence in Rabiet et al to form a plurality of contacts on a metal oxide layer for electrical connection with an electronic component. Alternatively it would have been obvious to combine the 2 teachings and explicitly form a plurality of contacts on a metal oxide for connection with an electronic component. As applied to claim 2, in Column 4 of Rabiet et al it is


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taught that electrolytic recharging by either subtractive or panel plating or semi-additive method can be used to provide the contacts on the metal oxide layer. As applied to claims 5 and 6, in Col 5 the Rabiet et al teaching expressly teaches using an ammoniacal solution which has a water soluble salt e.g a chromate therein. As applied to claims 7 and 8 it is held that the compositions and concentrations of water soluble salts as well as the use of copper acetate as a conduction are each within the ordinary skill of an artisan and therefore would have been obvious thereto. The use of copper acetate is normally used to plate copper onto aluminum.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. J. Arbes whose telephone number is 571-272-4563. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, R and F from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, P. Vo, can be reached on 571-272-4563. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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